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FROM USREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRN, CA

SUBJ: ICAO - POSSIBLE CANADIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROLLERS STRIKE

1. THE FOLLOWING COPY OF LETTER ADDRESSED TO PRES ICAO/COUNCIL
HAS BEEN GIVEN TO US MISSION BY CANADIAN DEP PERMREP.

QUOTE: DEAR MR. BINAGHI:

1. THIS WILL CONFIRM OUR DISCUSSION OF 8 APRIL 1974, CONCERNING
THE POSSIBILITY OF A STRIKE OF THE CANADIAN AIR TRAFFIC
CONTROLLERS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

2. CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE CANADIAN AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
ASSOCIATION HAVE BEEN GOING ON FOR SOME TIME. ALTHOUGH HOPEFULLY
IT WILL NOT OCCUR, A STRIKE OF THE CONTROLLERS COULD TAKE PLACE
SEVEN DAYS AFTER THE RECEIPT OF THE CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT.

3. SHOULD A STRIKE OCCUR, FOR THE DURATION OF THE STRIKE, THERE
WOULD BE NO ENROUTE CONTROL SERVICE AND ONLY LIMITED FLIGHT
INFORMATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE FROM OTHER THAN ATC SOURCES;
NO CIVIL TERMINAL CONTROL SERVICE AND CIVIL AIRPORT CONTROL
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SERVICE WOULD BE LIMITED TO THE

ACCOMMODATION OF DECLARED AND APPARENT EMERGENCIES, MERCY FLIGHTS, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE FLIGHTS. THERE WOULD BE NO SERVICE AVAILABLE TO NORTH ATLANTIC TRAFFIC IN THE GANDER OCA/FIR. NO IFR FLIGHT WOULD BE PERMITTED IN CANADIAN DOMESTIC DESIGNATED CONTROLLED AIRSPACE, UNLESS OTHERWISE ADVISED.

THE US FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AND THE UK CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY HAVE BEEN ALERTED TO THE SITUATION AND ADVISED THAT CANADA WILL, OK COURSE, WORK WITH THEM IN AN ENDEAVOUR TO MINIMIZE THE IMPACT OF LOSS OF SERVICE WITHIN THE GANDER OCA IN THE EVENT OF A STRIKE. THE INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION, ICELAND, PORTUGAL, DENMARK AND NORWAY WILL ALSO BE INFORMED SHORTLY AS WELL AS ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTING CANADIAN AVIATION INTERESTS. IT IS OUR INTENTION TO INFORM THE REMAINING CONCERNED AGENCIES OF THE SITUATION AT A LATER DATE THROUGH A CLASS 1 NOTAM TO BE GIVEN CANADIAN AND INTERNATIONAL DISTRIBUTION.

3. I AM INFORMED THAT THE CONCILIATION BOARD REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED, AND SHOULD A STRIKE OCCUR, THE EARLIEST DATE FOR THIS EVENT COULD BE AT 0501 GMT ON 16 APRIL 1974. UNQUOTE.

LETTER SIGNED CHARLES BEDARD, CANADIAN REPRESENTATIVE.

2. DEPT WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS UPON RECEIPT BY US MISSION.

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